2. Share capital assistance to handloom weavers primary cooperative societies and State handloom development corporations;

3. Assistance for modernisation of looms;

4. Managerial subsidy to handloom weavers primary societies;

5. Financial assistance to State handloom development corporations and handloom cooperative societies for setting up pre-loom and post-loom processing facilities;

6. Special rebate at the rate of 20 per cent on sale of handloom products;

7. Janata Cloth Schemes;

8. Thrift Fund Scheme; and

9. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.

The total assistance so far sanctioned for the schemes in A.P. is as follows:—

| | (Rs. in lakhs) |
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| Plan | 2920.31 |
| Non-Plan | 5873.50 |

**Flower plants, medicinal plants and herbs in the forests of Andhra Pradesh**

1715. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any field survey in Andhra Pradesh forests in regard to the availability of flower plants, medicinal plants and herbs; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Botanical Survey of India has conducted a total of 68 surveys including ethnobotanical studies in the tribal areas of 10 districts of Andhra Pradesh. Herbarium specimens of plants of Andhra Pradesh preserved in the herbarium at Coimbatore amounts to 20,000 specimens. Total number of species of plants collected amounts to 2,000 species. Economic and medicinal plants amount to 500 species.

**M/s. Krishna Engineering works, Wazirpur Industrial area, Delhi**

1716. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Krishna Engineering Works, A-107, Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi and its sister concerns have not deposited the Provident Fund contribution of their employees with the Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi since April, 1986 despite the fact that they have deducted the employees' contributions towards the fund from their salaries and wages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this mis-appropriation has been committed in connivance with the officials/Inspectors of P. F. department; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Export of Frog-legs**

1717. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit the export of frog-legs; and

(b) if so, what are the rasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The export of frog-legs has

been banned by Government of India with effect from 1.4.1987

**Tourism plan to tap gulf market**

1718. SHRI K VASUDEVE PANICKER: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a Rs. 1 crore tourism plan to tap the Gulf market; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 69.50 lakhs under Plan and Rs 11. lakhs under Non-Plan has been allocated for undertaking promotional activities in the West Asia region during 1987-88. This amount will be spent on activities such as advertising in the Arab press, corporate advertising with Air India, press advertising in English and Arabic magazines/dailies, TV advertising, video film advertising, printing of literature in the Arabic language, publication of articles in Arabic and English, extending brochure support to tour operators, participation in trade fairs, travel marts and exhibitions & in organising India Evenings and Seminars, etc.

**Seniority lists of staff of the carpet weaving training scheme**

1719. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two separate seniority lists for the staff working in the Carpet Weaving Training scheme in Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country are maintained by the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts);

(b) if so whether this in in accordance wih Government rules and regulations; and

(c) if not, what action is proposed to be taken to rectify the position?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Since the inception of the scheme separate cardres have been in existence for reasons of language, administrative convenience, nature of craft and its know-how, remoteness and climatic conditions of locations and the likelihood of getting willing employees.

(c) Does not arise.

**Carpet weaving training scheme**

1720. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been laid down for the sale and disposal of trainee products in the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme run by the office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts);

(b) if so, whether this policy has been strictly adhered to during the period from July, 1983 to June, 1986; and

(c) whether any serious irregularities have come to notice in this regard; if so, what action has been taken thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have however, been received for which action has been initiated;

**Promotion of Tourism in Kerala**

1721. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Central Government in the recent